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TELEPHONE CALLS, Thursday, March 5, 1959



All notes on
memos.

No action

Actions to S/s
for info of EDR

No action

See below

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given to Brewster by
pharm & mkt 3/3

12:00 - President telephoned (see attached)

12:05 - President telephoned (see attached)

12:10 - President telephoned (see attached)

12:40 - Telephoned Amb. Caccia and read President's reply to Macmillan. Said Hagerty would be in direct touch on timing of announcement.

2:25 - Senator Clifford Case of N.J. telephoned. Said Elmo Roper has asked him to introduce a resolution and Case told him he would do so with appropriate co-sponsors along the lines ~~XXXXXX~~ they were advised last year there was no objection to. Case said Roper's resolution this year turns out to be somewhat different since it asks the President to send out invitations to other governments to send delegates to a conference. CAH said this would not be advisable; there are enough conferences already. Agreed Case would tell Roper he would introduce a resolution identical to that approved last year but not asking President to invite delegates to a conference. CAH said in fact he doubted this resolution would do much good under present circumstances but it won't hurt either and CAH said he felt anything that fosters greater unity is to the good.

2:30 - Postmaster General Summerfield telephoned (1) to say how happy he was to hear what CAH had said at the Flemming lunch. Summerfield agreed proposed plan would be political chaos. Said word had somehow circulated that he was the only one opposed so he was careful not to comment too much but wholeheartedly agreed with CAH. (2) Sessions also got on the phone re call he had from Reddan, Legal Counsel of the Committee on Foreign Operations and Monetary Affairs, wanted to see him at 3:30 today with regard to Sessions' secret report made to ICA in 1956 on Laos and Cambodia. Reddan had apparently gotten this report from ICA. Said he didn't expect Sessions as a ~~XXXXXX~~ Presidential appointee to testify but Reddan wants to get further background info from him. Sessions had called Ray Moyer in ICA who said Reddan probably had gotten report from ICA and couldn't see any reason why Sessions shouldn't talk with Reddan. CAH and Summerfield had doubts about washing our dirty linen on the Hill and it was agreed CAH would look into this with Saccio and have Saccio call Sessions direct.

2:35 - Telephoned Len Saccio re call from Summerfield and Sessions. Saccio said he doesn't hold back reports because of classification altho they do consider some of them "privileged documents". Saccio said also this may have been given to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Reddan got it from there. Saccio will go into it right away and call Sessions direct before 3:30.

2:40 - CDD Dillon telephoned to say he is going to see President with Anderson at 3:00 on Inter-American Bank. CDD wondered if CAH got President's agreement to Anderson going. CAH said he had and thought the word had already been given to CDD.

3:35 - Telephoned Lefty Becker re his paper on legal questions and answers on Berlin and idea of showing it to Leadership tomorrow. Becker said his reservation of giving them copy would be that grouping of questions might give away our lines of thought since memo comes awfully close to our contingency planning. Becker said he was afraid it might leak out since they might infer quite a bit of our planning from the questions asked. CAH said these questions were ones that would normally have to be considered regardless of the lines of our thinking. Becker to send up 10 copies with addenda explaining phrase in last sentence "as are prepared".

3:40 - Telephoned Gen. Goodpaster re Becker's memo which has been sent to President to consider for use with Leadership, either in terms of talking paper or actually giving it to them.

3:55 - Gordon Gray telephoned to say he had talked at length with LTMerchant about future procedure. McElroy feels some of these "gutty" questions should be taken up in an even more limited group than ~~XXXXX~~ this morning with the President. McElroy suggests possibly doing a week from this Saturday morning, since that time would be unhurried comparatively. Think CAH, McElroy, Twinin, Merchant should be included. CAH said while he agreed further preparation was all to the good, there was an agenda for this morning which never was used since discussion got sidetracked on how we handle Congress. Gray said he would be glad to come over whenever CAH wished to discuss this in greater detail. Agreed we should have preparation to pin-point problems and preferably a paper the President could study in advance.

4:30 - Telephoned George Allen. (First part of call not monitored) In connection with reorganization plan to transfer USIA to State, George Allen said Gen. Persons had asked him to come over and discuss Allen's ideas. Allen said he felt very strongly State should not take the VOA itself under State. Said he thinks it should be kept separate under direction of a board. Said we already have the board headed by Dr. Mark May which could if desirable be expanded to operate similar to the BBC. Allen said the VOA is about \$20 million of their \$100 million and if they were kept separate and given a chance Allen thinks they could develop radio programs as good or better than the BBC and Radio Moscow. Allen said he would like to discuss this whole business; that he had not realized at all how far this had gone or that charts had actually been drawn up. In light of this it was agreed Mr. Henderson would get in touch with Mr. Allen to discuss this fully and following that conversation Mr. Allen might wish to assign a working group. Mr. Allen thanked CAH for calling him and reiterated his surprise at how far this had advanced. (2) Allen said he had some info to pass along to LWH from Bentley about Wayne Hays attitude on State Dept personnel and buildings. Apparently feels we are doing "striped-pants" recruiting.

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see notes on 7/1/48

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{ 4:45 - President telephoned (see attached)

